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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the Gila Community Center Improvement Project in Fiscal Year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is Grant County, located at 1400 Highway 180 East, Silver City, NM 88061. The funding would be used for the construction of a new community center in Gila, a rural town. The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer funds because it will provide the city with an upgraded community meeting center that will the communities needs for a meeting place for everything from youth groups weekly food distribution.

The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 306 of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, 7 U.S. Code section 1926(a). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely.

Gabe Vasquez